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EXPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the rise in United States exports of domestic and foreign merchandise, including Special Category commodities, and unadjusted for seasonal variation, from $1,752.5 million in February to $1,816.8 million in March[1] reflected increases in exports to all areas except Western Europe. Changes in the dollar values of exports to all areas during the period were as follows: Canada, from $287.4 to $321.5 million; Latin American Republics, from $262.4 to $289.0 million; Western Europe, from $663.4 to $647.7 million; and "all other countries," from $539.3 to $558.6 million. Exports of Special Category commodities fell from $180.1 million in February to $146.8 million in March.

With Special Category commodities excluded, exports of domestic and foreign merchandise climbed from $1,572.4 million in February to $1,670.0 million in March. Exports to Latin American Republics increased from $254.4 to $279.6 million; sterling area countries, from $253.1 to $267.3 million; and O.E.C.D. countries in Europe, from $530.7 to $543.6 million. There were increases in exports to all continents except Australia and Oceania.

[1]See the March 1962 issue of Report No. FT 900-E for seasonally-adjusted figures on total exports, excluding Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available for total exports including Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments or by country of destination.

Exports to North American rose from $388.3 million in February to $437.3 million in March mainly due to increases in exports to Canada, from $273.8 to $310.8 million, and Bermuda, from $2.4 to $9.2 million. Exports to South America advanced from $164.5 to $187.5 million owing chiefly to increases in exports to Argentina, from $33.6 to $42.9 million; Venezuela, from $35.7 to $41.9 million; and Colombia, from $20.3 to $23.6 million. Exports to Europe rose from $574.1 to $584.5 million reflecting increases in exports to some of the individual countries of this continent which were partly offset by decreases in exports to others. The more noticeable of these changes were as follows: West Germany, from $93.5 to $102.3 million; Belgium and Luxembourg, from $31.3 to $39.1 million; Sweden, from $20.9 to $27.9 million; Italy, from $71.2 to $76.7 million; Netherlands, from $62.6 to $53.0 million; United Kingdom, from $100.3 to $91.3 million; and France, from $56.0 to $50.6 million. The increase in exports to Asia, from $331.7 to $341.1 million, was mainly the result of higher levels of exports to India, from $29.8 to $43.1 million and Iran, from $6.6 to $12.9 million. However, during the period, exports to Saudi Arabia fell from $10.8 to $5.5 million. The increase in exports to Africa, from $80.8 to $86.7 million was chiefly due to slight increases in exports to the following countries of this continent: Republic of the Congo, from $4.0 to $7.4 million; Ghana, from $1.2 to $3.8 million; and the Federation of Nigeria, from $2.9 to $4.5 million.

During the period, exports to Australia and Oceania decreased slightly from $33.1 to $32.9 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments (for which separate figures are shown in the footnotes of this report), Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. (The separate information which is available on exports under P.L. 480 and related laws may be obtained from the Economic Research Service and the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture.) Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries, not entered as imports, is not included in export statistics.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Although the country of destination is defined as the country of ultimate destination or the country where the goods are to be consumed, or further processed or manufactured, the statistics do not always reflect this definition, as the shipper may not know the ultimate destination of the shipment. In such cases, the shipments are credited to the last country, as known to the exporter at the time of shipment from the United States, to which the goods are to be shipped in their present form. It follows, therefore, that the statistics will tend to be overcounted for shipments to transshipment or merchanting countries and undercounted for other countries. As explained in the footnotes to the table, exports of Special Category commodities are not included in any of the published country totals, for reasons of security.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all export documents. For the figures shown in this report, the sampling variability can be ignored since the probable variability due to sampling is either less than $50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than a trivial percentage of the individual totals shown.

In addition to the effects of sampling variation and the difficulties described above under COUNTRY DEFINITION, the data in this report are subject to errors from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month, errors in reporting or processing, the estimation of shipments valued under $100, and the omission of parcel post shipments valued under $50. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of export data is contained in the foreword of Reports No. FT 410 and FT 420. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE, BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION: MARCH 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. Figures for 1962 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1961 include revisions published with the December 1961 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1962.)

Continent and country[1]	March 1962	February 1962	March 1961	Monthly average 1961
Total trade including Special Categories[2]	[3]1,816.8	[4]1,752.5	[5]1,932.8	[6]1,739.5
Western Europe	647.7	663.4	674.6	600.2
Canada	321.5	287.4	326.9	314.5
Latin American Republics	289.0	262.4	325.2	291.2
All other countries	558.6	539.3	606.1	533.6
Total Special Categories[2]	146.8	180.1	146.0	147.4
Type 1	29.3	30.0	21.5	25.2
Type 2	117.5	150.1	124.5	122.2
Net total excluding Special Categories[2]	1,670.0	1,572.4	1,786.8	1,592.1
O.E.C.D. countries in Europe	543.6	530.7	584.0	506.8
Latin American Republics	279.6	254.4	314.1	281.7
Sterling area countries	267.3	253.1	318.5	260.4
North America	437.3	388.3	445.0	425.0
Greenland	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)	310.8	273.8	314.7	303.6
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mexico[a]	59.3	62.0	69.5	66.4
Guatemala[a]	5.0	4.7	5.5	5.0
British Honduras[b]	0.6	1.3	0.5	0.6
El Salvador[a]	3.3	2.9	3.6	2.9
Honduras[a]	3.6	2.9	3.3	3.0
Nicaragua[a]	4.0	2.4	2.7	2.7
Costa Rica[a]	3.6	2.7	4.4	3.5
Republic of Panama[a]	8.5	8.9	9.0	8.9
Canal Zone	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.5
Bermuda[b]	9.2	2.4	2.6	2.7
Bahamas[b]	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.3
Cuba[a]	0.1	(*)	2.6	1.1
Jamaica[b]	5.1	4.3	4.5	4.0
Haiti[a]	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.2
Dominican Republic[a]	5.6	3.5	2.6	2.4
Leeward and Windward Islands[b]	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.6
Barbados[b]	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Trinidad and Tobago[b]	3.7	2.6	3.1	2.9
Netherlands Antilles	5.5	4.7	6.7	5.6
French West Indies	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3
South America	187.5	164.5	212.8	185.8
Colombia[a]	23.6	20.3	20.7	20.4
Venezuela[a]	41.9	35.7	57.0	42.5
British Guiana[b]	1.0	0.7	1.5	1.0
Surinam	1.6	1.2	2.1	1.3
French Guiana	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Ecuador[a]	3.7	2.9	4.6	4.1
Peru[a]	17.7	15.3	12.5	14.4
Bolivia[a]	2.4	2.8	2.2	2.2
Chile[a]	15.3	17.0	20.7	18.9
Brazil[a]	32.5	30.0	57.3	40.5
Paraguay[a]	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.0
Uruguay[a]	4.1	4.1	3.8	4.0
Argentina[a]	42.9	33.6	29.6	35.3
Falkland Islands[b]	...	...	...	(*)
Europe	584.5	574.1	622.6	536.7
Iceland[b,c,d]	1.1	0.7	2.4	1.1
Sweden[c,d]	27.9	20.9	23.9	21.6
Norway[c,d]	9.8	7.8	7.4	7.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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MARCH 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country[1]	March 1962	February 1962	March 1961	Monthly average 1961
Europe—Continued				
Denmark[c,d]	10.7	6.1	8.9	9.2
United Kingdom[b,c,d]	91.3	100.3	115.2	94.2
Ireland (Eire)[b,c,d]	2.9	2.9	1.9	3.8
Netherlands[c,d]	53.0	62.6	58.8	58.1
Belgium and Luxembourg[c,d]	39.1	31.3	42.8	35.0
France[c,d]	50.6	56.0	61.0	47.1
West Germany[c,d]	102.3	93.5	102.0	89.6
East Germany	0.1	...	...	0.2
Austria[c,d]	5.1	6.9	7.5	4.9
Czechoslovakia	0.1	1.8	0.2	0.6
Hungary	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Switzerland[c,d]	25.2	28.0	28.2	22.6
Finland[c]	4.6	3.9	4.4	4.7
Estonia	(*)	...	...	...
Latvia	0.7	...	0.8	0.2
Lithuania	...	(*)	...	...
Poland and Danzig	16.3	14.5	12.6	6.2
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	0.2	2.7	4.6	3.6
Azores	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
Spain[c,d]	17.3	17.5	15.6	22.5
Portugal[c,d]	5.4	6.2	8.2	4.7
Gibraltar[b]	0.2	1.1	0.7	0.6
Malta, and Gozo[7,b]	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.6
Italy[c,d]	76.7	71.2	81.4	66.2
Free Territory of Trieste[c,d]	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Yugoslavia[c]	18.3	18.4	13.9	12.8
Albania	...	...	...	...
Greece[c,d]	5.7	4.3	5.4	6.5
Rumania	(*)	(*)	0.5	0.1
Bulgaria	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Turkey[c,d]	19.0	14.3	13.1	11.8
Cyprus[7,b]	(*)	0.9	...	...
Unidentified Countries in Western Europe[8,c,d]	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Asia	341.1	331.7	388.4	342.3
Syrian Arab Republic[9]	2.7	7.3	4.0	2.2
Lebanon	4.1	3.4	4.9	3.8
Iraq (Mesopotamia)	2.8	2.3	3.9	3.1
Iran (Persia)	12.9	6.6	11.5	7.7
Israel	20.4	19.2	9.9	12.2
Palestine	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Jordan[b]	1.2	2.1	4.6	2.0
Kuwait[b]	5.7	4.9	4.7	4.7
Saudi Arabia	5.5	10.8	5.2	4.6
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	1.1	0.5	0.7	1.5
Aden[b]	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3
State of Bahrein[b]	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.8
Afghanistan	0.2	0.2	1.2	1.5
India[b]	43.1	29.8	48.4	40.2
Pakistan[b]	9.5	12.2	21.5	16.3
Nepal	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
Ceylon[b]	1.8	0.5	1.9	1.2
Burma[b]	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.6
Thailand (Siam)	5.5	6.4	6.1	5.2
Viet-Nam	8.5	7.2	4.2	5.6
Laos	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Cambodia	0.3	1.4	0.6	0.9
Federation of Malaya[b]	2.3	2.5	1.2	1.9
State of Singapore; British Borneo[b]	2.9	3.8	4.0	3.9
Republic of Indonesia	11.1	9.6	12.2	11.2
Republic of the Philippines	23.2	21.0	27.8	27.7
Macao (Macau)	(*)	(*)	1.1	0.1
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.	(*)	0.1	0.3	0.3
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	(*)	...	(*)

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Continent and country[1]	March 1962	February 1962	March 1961	Monthly average 1961
Asia—Continued				
Outer Mongolia	...	...	...	...
North Korea	...	...	...	...
Republic of Korea	15.0	16.2	14.7	13.5
Hong Kong[b]	12.7	11.7	14.7	10.7
Taiwan (Formosa)	12.4	13.8	11.9	11.3
Japan	132.0	134.2	163.6	144.9
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c	2.4	1.6	1.6	2.0
Australia and Oceania	32.9	33.1	38.0	33.4
Australia[b]	27.5	27.2	29.5	26.5
New Guinea[b]	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
New Zealand and Western Samoa[10,b]	4.6	5.0	7.0	5.7
British Western Pacific Islands[b]	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
French Pacific Islands	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	0.1	(*)	0.8	0.3
Africa	86.7	80.8	80.0	68.9
Morocco	5.2	5.3	1.9	5.5
Algeria	3.8	4.5	5.2	3.5
Tunisia	3.5	2.2	2.9	3.3
Libya[b]	2.6	1.5	3.2	2.5
United Arab Republic (Egypt)	22.2	24.1	16.1	13.5
Sudan	1.1	1.3	0.6	1.0
Canary Islands	0.4	1.2	1.0	1.0
Spanish Africa, n.e.c	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4
Federal Republic of Cameroon[11]	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3
Western Equatorial Africa[8]	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6
Western Africa, n.e.c.[9]	2.8	2.3	2.0	1.7
Ghana[b]	3.8	1.2	1.4	1.8
Federation of Nigeria[12,b]	4.5	2.9	2.3	2.2
British West Africa and Sierra Leone[13,b]	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Madeira Islands	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Angola	1.3	0.6	0.9	0.8
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Liberia	3.1	3.8	4.2	4.1
Republic of the Congo	7.4	4.0	2.7	2.5
Somali Republic	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.1
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.9
French Somaliland	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
Seychelles and Dependencies[b]	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies[b]	0.1	0.2	(*)	0.1
British East Africa and Tanganyika[14,b]	1.3	2.0	2.1	1.6
Mozambique	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.8
Malagasy Republic	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
Republic of South Africa[15,b]	19.4	19.2	28.5	19.0
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland[b]	1.1	1.1	1.8	1.1

[a] Latin American Republics. [b] Sterling area countries. [c] Western Europe. [d] O.E.C.D. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation and Development) countries in Europe. *Indicates less than $50,000.
[1] For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. [2] Country detail is not reported in the export statistics for Special Category commodities for security reasons. For certain areas, export totals include Special Categories, as shown at the beginning of the table. Export figures for other areas and countries represent total exports less exports of Special Category commodities. See the January 1961 issue of Report No. FT 410 for a list of Special Category commodities. [3] Includes $61.7 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments ($28.7 million to Western Europe). [4] Includes $62.2 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments ($28.6 million to Western Europe). [5] Includes $45.1 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments ($18.5 million to Western Europe). [6] Includes $67.5 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments ($27.5 million to Western Europe). [7] "Malta and Gozo" and "Cyprus" shown separately beginning January 1962. For periods prior to January 1962, data on exports to "Cyprus" are included in the figures shown for "Malta and Gozo." [8] As explained in the April 1958 issue of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes, this is an arbitrary category established with April 1958 statistics to cover certain shipments to unidentified countries in Western Europe. [9] Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly United Arab Republic (Syria Region). [10] Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly New Zealand. [11] Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Cameroun combined with former Southern Cameroons. Data shown for prior periods represent exports to Cameroun only. [12] Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Nigeria combined with former Northern Cameroons. The data shown for prior periods represent exports to Nigeria including the former Cameroons (Northern and Southern). [13] Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British West Africa, n.e.c. [14] Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British East Africa. [15] Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly Union of South Africa.